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TO THEIR SKILL SET





# COMMANDER'S CORNER

**FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS**

As my tour comes to an end, I continue to be inspired by all that you do. I am in awe of the way our Reserve Marines continually balance their Marine Corps and civilian obligations, remaining faithful to both of their employers and ready to answer the call when our nation needs them.

I am proud of the way you have maintained readiness while weathering big changes, from the Force Structure Review to the drawdown in the Middle East. While undergoing these changes, we continued to support the Active Component and demonstrated what it means to be a part of the total, integrated Marine Corps. Reserve contributions help shape the Total Force and ensure that the Corps remains a middle-weight force capable of executing any mission across the full range of military operations.

I am eternally grateful for the enormous support we receive from local communities across the nation and here in New Orleans. We cannot do what we do without the support of our local communities. Their continued enthusiasm and support for our Marines are one of the reasons we continue to exist as an organization. We must continue to be active in our communities – the Reserves are the best carriers of the commandant's messages to the American people. Remember, if the American people didn't want a Marine Corps, there wouldn't be one! We must reinforce who we are and what we do for the nation at every engagement with our local communities.

Most of all, I am proud of the way we have kept faith with one another; Marines, Sailors, civilian Marines and families have come together as one big MARFORRES family taking care of each other through post-deployment transitions, employment searches and more. Whether through IRR musters or reintegration programs like Yellow Ribbon, we must continue to support one another because that is what Marines do.

I am proud and humbled to have been the commander of Marine Forces Reserve. You are truly the "shock absorber" ready force for the Active Component.

Make the right decisions in your daily lives, be safe, and Semper Fi!

Lt. Gen. Steven A. Hummer

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North

## SNAP SHOT



LANCE CPL. JOHN ADLER (LEFT) AND LANCE CPL. JACKSON FULTON, BULK FUEL SPECIALISTS WITH MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 471 FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., BREAK FROM FUELING F-15S AND F-16S FROM BELGIUM AND SINGAPORE.  
LANCE CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS

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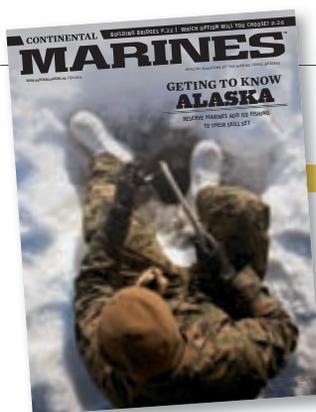
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PHOTO BY CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

MARINES WHO PARTICIPATED IN INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING ARCTIC CARE ADDED ICE FISHING TO THEIR SKILL SET APRIL 17 ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA.

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**CORPS**  
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## ARCTIC PARADE

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS BRIAN ZELAZNY, A HOSPITAL CORPSMAN, NAVY SEAMAN MARCELINO ENCIANS, RELIGIOUS PROGRAM SPECIALIST, AND LANCE CPL. PETER REGAN, A PERSONNEL CLERK, ALL WITH 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION HOLD THE AMERICAN, ALASKAN AND BATTALION FLAG ON TOP OF A FIRE TRUCK DURING A PARADE IN KOTZEBUE, ALASKA, APRIL 25. THE PEOPLE OF KOTZEBUE AND 11 OTHER VILLAGES ORGANIZED A PARADE TO CELEBRATE AND THANK THE SERVICE MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED THEM DURING INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING ARCTIC CARE 2013. MARINES, SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN RODE AROUND THE SMALL ALASKAN TOWN AND THREW CANDY TO THE CHILDREN.

**CPL. MARCIN PLATEK**

## NEWS:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE PROGRAM IS CHANGING

**E**xpeditionary Warfare School will be making a dramatic change. Instead of choosing the Individual Guided Study format or the two-year seminar format, Marines will complete a year of each. Students currently enrolled in the 8650 program have until June 30, 2014, to complete that program.

Any student enrolling after July 1, 2013 will automatically be enrolled in the 8660 program, commencing their year of individual study that they must complete before enrolling in seminar. For more information, see **MARADMIN 058/13**. ■



CPL. REECE LODDER



PAMELA JACKSON

## EARLY OUT:

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO GET OUT BEFORE YOU THINK

**M****ARADMIN 158/13** established the 90-day early-out program for the Selected Marine Corps Reserve, allowing enlisted Marines to transfer to the Individual Ready Reserve up to 90 days prior to their previous mandatory drill-stop date.

As of May 13, **MARADMIN 242/13** expanded the early-out program beyond 90 days. The same eligibility restrictions apply; however, Marines may request a mandatory drill stop date before 90 days of their previous date. For more information on the SMCR early-out program, see **MARADMIN 158/13**, which can be found at: [www.marforres.marines.mil](http://www.marforres.marines.mil). ■

## GET YOUR READ ON:

A SIMPLE WAY TO SET YOURSELF APART



CPL. REBECCA ELLER

**A**ll-Marine Message 001/13 established the updated Commandant's

Professional Reading List, which is to be incorporated into every unit's professional military education program. The CPRL is broken into three sections: Commandant's choice, levels and categories.

"Choice" books are considered required reading for all Marines, regardless of rank, "Level" books are required reading for each rank; and "Category" books are to be read to further understanding in specific areas. Completed readings will be noted in fitness reports and proficiency and conduct markings. More information can be found at: [guides.grc.usmccu](http://guides.grc.usmccu).



## RESERVE MARINES IN KOREA

"Easy Company" or Company E, 13th Infantry battalion, a Marine Corps Reserve unit activated for the Korean conflict in July, 1950. PHOTO COURTESY OF ARIZONA PUBLIC MEDIA

**W**hen used as a verb, the definition of "reserve" is to keep or hold back. For the Reserve

Marines activated to support the Korean Conflict, that was far from the case.

Gen. Clifton B. Cates, 19th commandant of the Marine Corps, was ordered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to deploy the 1st Marine Division to Korea by mid-September. However, short of equipment and with only 8,000 men, Cates requested that President Truman mobilize all Reserve elements of the Marine Corps and attached Navy medical

**WITHIN A MONTH, 138 UNITS COMPOSED OF 33,000 MEN, THE ENTIRE MARINE CORPS GROUND RESERVE, WERE ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY.**

personnel to bring the division to a wartime strength of 22,000.

Within a month, 138 units composed of 33,000 men, the entire Marine Corps Ground Reserve, were ordered to active duty. And, with them, nine Marine Corps Reserve fighter and ground intercept aircraft squadrons were called to duty.

### SIGNIFICANT MARINE EVENTS

- **JUNE 25, 1950**  
NORTH KOREAN FORCES INVADE SOUTH KOREA; AMERICA SENDS TROOPS
- **AUG. 7 TO SEPT. 7, 1950**  
DEFENSE OF PUSAN PERIMETER
- **SEPT. 15, 1950**  
INCHON LANDING
- **OCT. 26, 1950**  
AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS AT WONSAN & ADVANCE TO CHOSIN
- **NOV. 27 TO DEC. 4, 1950**  
CHOSIN RESERVOIR CAMPAIGN
- **DEC. 11, 1950**  
AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL FROM HUNGNAM
- **APRIL 6, 1953**  
FINAL PEACETALKS BEGIN AT PANMUNJOM
- **JULY 27, 1953**  
CEASE-FIRE SIGNED AT PANMUNJOM
- **AUG. 5 - SEPT. 6, 1953**  
INITIAL REPATRIATION OF POWS AT PANMUNJOM
- By the end of April 1951, the Reserve hit its peak strength during the Korean Conflict - **859,538** Reserve Marines were activated.

#### PFC. EDWARD GOMEZ, USMCR

AMMUNITION BEARER, COMPANY E, 2ND BN., 1ST MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

#### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Pfc. Edward Gomez, 19, of Omaha, Neb., was awarded the Medal of Honor in Korea for sacrificing his life to save the lives of four Marines in his machine gun team.

The nation's highest decoration for valor was awarded to the Marine for extraordinary heroism on Sept. 14, 1951, at Kajon-ni, when he smothered a hand grenade with his own body to prevent destruction of his Marine machine gun team.



## TOTAL FORCE RESERVE

# RESERVE FORCES AROUND THE WORLD:

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL-WORLD CONFLICTS AND OPERATIONS. (APRIL 2013-JUNE 2013)

### AFRICA COMMAND

LONG HAUL COMM. DET.

SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA

AFRICAN ENDEAVOR 13

WESTERN ACCORD 13

#### LONG HAUL COMMUNICATIONS DETACHMENT

4th Marine Logistics Group provides a rotational communications detachment in support of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti.

**13.1- OCT. 28, 2012 TO AUG. 6, 2013**

**13.2- MAY 1 TO DEC. 5, 2013**

#### SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA

A regionally-focused composite organization specifically tailored to conduct multiple, simultaneous, small and widely-dispersed security cooperation activities.

**13.1- JUNE 1, 2012 TO MAY 16, 2013**

**13.2- SEPT. 1, 2012 TO JULY 1, 2013**

**13.3- MARCH 12 TO FEB. 22, 2014**

#### AFRICAN ENDEAVOR 13

An AFRICOM-sponsored multilateral communications exercise focusing on technical and human interoperability and information sharing among African militaries.

**JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

#### WESTERN ACCORD 13

A multi-lateral training exercise with West African nations to increase understanding, enable Africans to provide for their security and stability, strengthen relationships, and promote U.S. national-security priorities.

**JUNE 16 TO JUNE 28, 2013**

### SOUTHERN COMMAND

SOUTHCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM

NEW HORIZONS

TRADEWINDS 13

#### SOUTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM

A Navy and Marine Corps team supports theater security cooperation and stands ready to provide humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.

**OCT. 1, 2012 TO SEPT. 30, 2013**

#### NEW HORIZONS

An exercise that provides medical and dental treatment and constructs structures, such as classrooms, throughout Belize. It provides the U.S., Belizean and Canadian service members the opportunity to train side-by-side in order to meet future challenges when and where they are needed.

**MARCH 25 TO JUNE 16, 2013**

#### TRADEWINDS 13

An interagency, multinational exercise designed to enhance the collective abilities of the partner nations, defense forces and constabularies to counter transnational organized crime and conduct humanitarian and disaster relief operations.

**JUNE 10 TO JUNE 14, 2013**

### EUROPEAN COMMAND

GDP-ISAF

SHARED RESILIENCE 13

#### GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

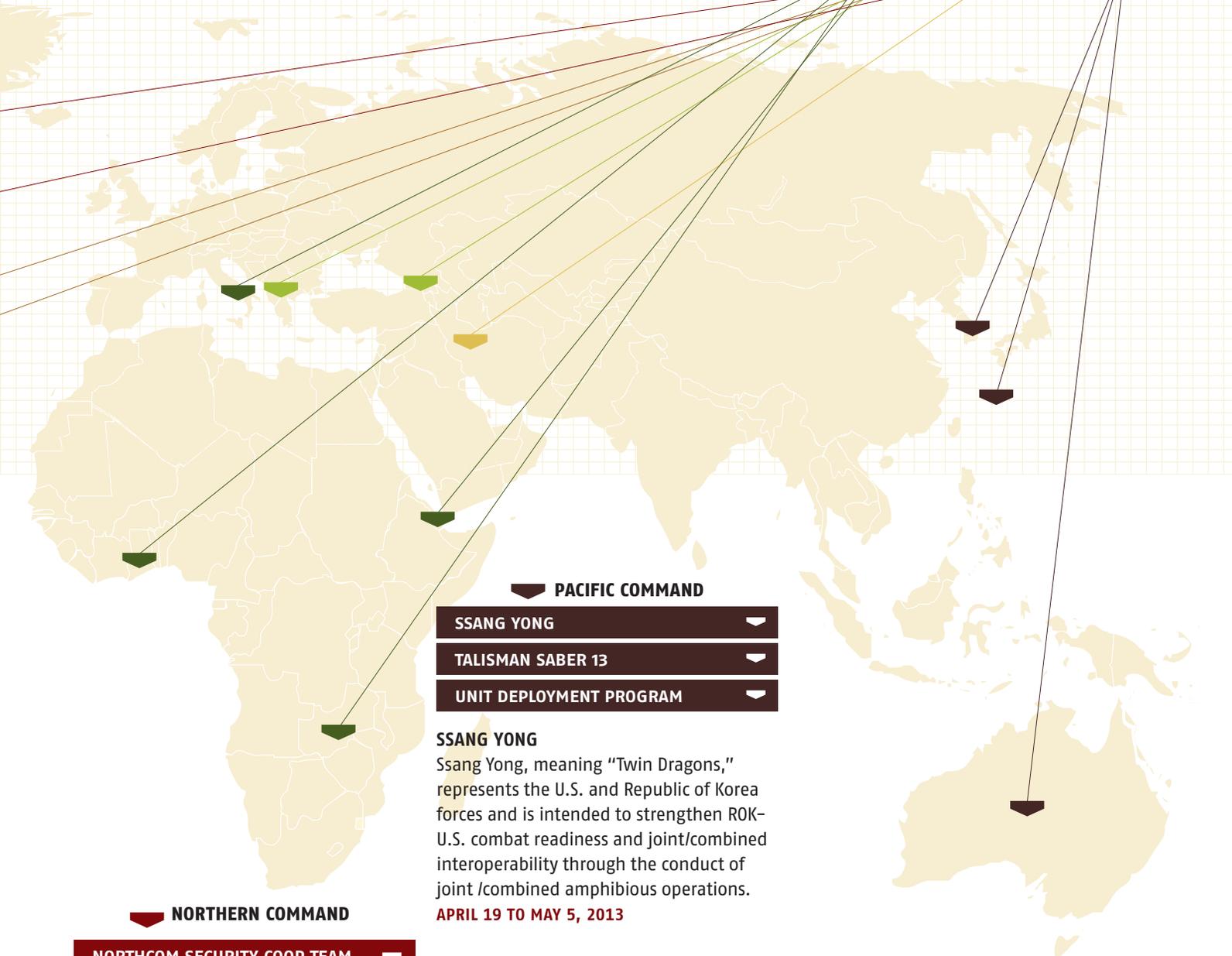
A program designed to train Georgian infantry battalions to conduct full spectrum operations in a counterinsurgency environment and deploy Georgian battalions to Afghanistan. Marines help increase the Georgian armed forces capacity to train and prepare for coalition operations.

**10/11- FEB. 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2013**

#### SHARED RESILIENCE 13

An exercise that directly supports U.S. European Command's efforts for active security with European countries. Its goals are to strengthen interoperability, facilitate training in crisis response/disaster management, and validate the readiness of deployable military medical and humanitarian assistance teams.

**MAY 27 TO JUNE 10, 2013**



**NORTHERN COMMAND**

- NORTHCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM**
- MAPLE FLAG 46**

**NORTHCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM**  
Marines provide training in urban terrain tactics, intelligence-driven operations and professional development to Latin American and Caribbean troops.

**OCT. 1, 2012 TO SEPT. 30, 2013**

**MAPLE FLAG 46**

An international air-combat exercise that provides Canadian and allied aircrew with realistic training in a modern simulated air-combat environment, and emphasizes air operations involving large-package coalition forces.

**MAY 27 TO JUNE 21, 2013**

**PACIFIC COMMAND**

- SSANG YONG**
- TALISMAN SABER 13**
- UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**SSANG YONG**

Ssang Yong, meaning "Twin Dragons," represents the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces and is intended to strengthen ROK-U.S. combat readiness and joint/combined interoperability through the conduct of joint /combined amphibious operations.

**APRIL 19 TO MAY 5, 2013**

**TALISMAN SABER 13**

An exercise designed to train U.S. and Australian forces to plan and conduct Combined Task Force operations to improve combat readiness and interoperability on a variety of missions from conventional conflict to peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance efforts.

**JUNE 29 TO AUG. 10, 2013**

**UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Marines deploy to Okinawa, Japan, in order to provide necessary training to maintain operational preparedness. Marines train in realistic scenarios and combined exercises, bringing many different units together. It highlights the Corps' strategic shift to the Pacific region.

**MARCH 1, 2013 TO FEB 28, 2014**

**CENTRAL COMMAND**

- CENTCOM SECURITY COOP TEAM 12.2**

**CENTCOM SECURITY COOPERATION TEAM**

The Central Command Security Cooperation Team conducts security cooperation activities designed to increase partner-nation capacity and build relationships to ensure access to facilities throughout the U.S. CENTCOM area of responsibility.

**13.1- OCT. 1, 2012 TO SEPT. 13, 2013**

**13.2- MAY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 10, 2013**



**EXERCISE  
X3**



## EMERALD WARRIOR

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLA.

**DATE:** April 20 to May 9

**USMC UNITS:** Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773

**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** The United States, The United Kingdom and Poland

**“HMLA-773 PROVIDED ROTARY-WING CLOSE-AIR SUPPORT, UTILITY REPORT AND MANY OTHER MISSION SETS IN SUPPORT OF THE EXERCISE, THUS INCREASING OUR CORE SKILLS COMPETENCIES.”**

-Capt. John Spohrer, assistant operations officer, Detachment A, HMLA-773



A U.S. Marine Corps crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 scans his sector during a close air support mission aboard a UH-1N Huey during Emerald Warrior 2013, Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 25.  
SENIOR AIRMAN MATTHEW BRUCH

Emerald Warrior provided irregular warfare training at the tactical and operational levels, with emphasis on intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

It is an air-centric exercise designed to integrate conventional and special forces assets.

A U.S. Marine Corps UH-1 Huey helicopter is prepared for flight at Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 30, during Emerald Warrior 2013. Emerald Warrior is an annual two-week joint/combined tactical exercise sponsored by U.S. Special Operations Command designed to leverage lessons learned from operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom to provide trained and ready forces to combatant commanders.

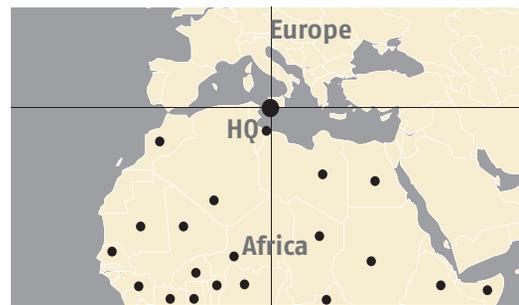


## SPECIAL-PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE AFRICA 13 AFRICA

**DATES:** March 12, 2013 to Feb. 22, 2014

**USMC UNITS:** 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment

**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Ghana, Burundi, Uganda, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Seychelles, Mozambique and Tanzania



**“THE TALENT WE HAVE IN OUR MARINES IS OFF THE CHARTS. ALL WE NEEDED WAS A PLACE IN WHICH TO TRAIN THEM AS A TEAM. THEY ARE NOW READY TO TAKE ON ANY MISSION MARINE FORCES AFRICA HAS FOR US.”**

-Lt. Col. Daniel Whisnant, commanding officer of Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa

Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa 13, is a pre-planned, rotational deployment of Reserve Marines and sailors from 32 units across the nation. Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13’s mission is to mentor partner African nations and security organizations in the basics

of an effective military unit. Security cooperation engagements include; combat lifesaving, marksmanship, logistic planning, combat service support, operation of forward supply areas, combat engineering, and basic infantry skills.

Gunnery Sgt. Oscar Pinto, Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa 13 intelligence Marine, instructs a Senegalese Compagnie de Fusilier Marine Commando proper trigger technique during combat marksmanship training at Toubaouta, Senegal, April 24.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS



Sgt. James Jones, Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa 13 reconnaissance Marine, instructs a Senegalese Compagnie de Fusilier Marine Commando on fundamentals of combat marksmanship in Toubaouta, Senegal, April 22. Marines and sailors with Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa 13 were in Senegal working with Compagnie de Fusilier Marine Commandos on combat marksmanship, maritime security and light infantry operations.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS



EXERCISE  
**X3**



## MAPLE FLAG

ALBERTA, CANADA

**DATE:** May 27 to June 21

**USMC UNITS:** Marine Wing Support Squadron 471

**PARTICIPATING NATIONS:** Canada, Belgium, Colombia, Germany, The Netherlands, Republic of Singapore, The United States and The United Kingdom

**“WORKING WITH THE CANADIANS IS FANTASTIC. THEY ARE VERY POLITE AND VERY HOSPITABLE. ANYTHING WE HAVE NEEDED THEY HAVE ACCOMMODATED US. I THINK THE MARINES HAVE RECEIVED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR WORK WITH VARIOUS NATIONS AND TO SEE HOW THINGS ARE DONE INTERNATIONALLY.”**

-Chief Warrant Officer 3 Scott Light, bulk fuel officer in charge for MWSS-471



Sgt. Ryan Ott, a fuel technician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 471, refuels a Canadian UH-1N Huey helicopter at a forward refueling point during Exercise Maple Flag 46 in Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada June 18.  
LANCCE CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS

Maple Flag is an advanced aerial combat training exercise hosted at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta, with the mission of providing training to the participants, including fighter, bomber, aerial refueling, transport, air defense, Airborne early warning and control, suppression of

enemy air defenses, and electronic warfare crews.

Participants join forces against a hostile aggressor (called “Redland”), using the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range territory for all operations. Each 10-day phase involves a combination of air-to-ground, air-to-air and other missions.

Cpl. Ryan Gutzmann, a fuel specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 471, tests aircraft fuel for sediments and impurities during Exercise Maple Flag 46 at Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada June 11.  
LANCCE CPL. TIFFANY EDWARDS



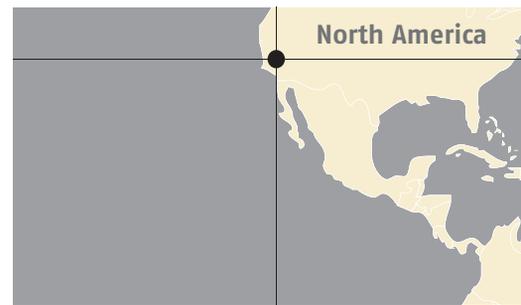
## ITX 4-13

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIF.

DATE: June 15 to 27

USMC UNITS: 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Amphibious Assault Bn., 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn., 4th Combat Engineer Bn., 4th Recon. Bn., HMM-774, HMLA-773, MWSS-472

PARTICIPATING NATIONS: United States and Britain



**“THIS TRAINING IS AS REAL AS IT GETS. THIS TYPE OF LANDSCAPE IS EXACTLY WHAT DEPLOYED MARINES ARE DEALING WITH EVERY DAY. I CAN’T THINK OF ANYWHERE ELSE THAT COMES CLOSE TO SIMULATING THE SAME KIND OF CONDITIONS.”**

-Lance Cpl. Steven Shambaugh, rifleman with Co. B, 1st Bn., 24th Marines

Integrated Training Exercise is the largest annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve training exercise and a cornerstone of the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Program, with more than 5,000 Marines participating from units across the United States.

This exercise utilizes all assets from the ground, air and logistic combat elements. Even though the U.S. military is beginning its withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Marines are still training to maintain combat readiness.



Cpl. William McIntire, a squad leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, from Knox, Ind., yells out commands to his squad during a training exercise at Range 410A as part of Integrated Training Exercise 4-13 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., June 20.

CPL. JOHN M. MCCALL

Pfc. Alex Kempf, a machine-gunner with Company B, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, from Evansville, Ind., carries his M240B machine gun up a hill during Range 410A as part of Reserve-Integrated Training Exercise 4-13 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., June 20.

CPL. JOHN M. MCCALL

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

# GETTING TO KNOW **ALASKA**

Alaskan natives teach Marines how to ice fish





**Cpl. Gabriel Castroena**, an electrician with 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, ice fishes in the outskirts of Kotzebue, Alaska, April. 17. Castroena and 11 other service members who participated in Innovative Readiness Training Arctic Care 2013 took time to connect with the local population by ice fishing with them in the Kotzebue Sound.



KOTZEBUE, ALASKA

In front of them was a massive body of frozen water; behind them, a long workday.



Cpl. Jesus Godiez of 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, helps a local child empty an ice hole he helped dig, April 17 in Kotzebue, Alaska. Godiez and other service members who participated in Innovative Readiness Training Arctic Care 2013 were invited to ice fish after working hours.

**SMALL GROUP OF UNIFORMED MEN** made their way across what seemed to be an endless white desert, their gloves and beanies did little to break the bitter-cold wind hitting their already pink faces and blue fingers.

With careful steps, 11 Marines and sailors with 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, made their way across five-foot thick ice to a different kind of classroom. The lesson? Ice fishing.

Inupiaq natives offered to teach the Marines and sailors of 4th Medical Bn. how to ice fish, April 11. After working hours, the group snowmobiled to the outskirts of

Kotzebue, the town where a humanitarian program, Innovative Readiness Training Arctic Care was scheduled to begin April 15.

“It’s an amazing experience,” said Cpl. Jesus Godiez of 4th Medical Bn. “I have been fishing before, but ice fishing was a whole different thing.” Godiez credits the experience with helping him learn about local customs and how the Inupiaq survive in such an extreme climate.

The Marines helped the locals drill holes in the ice using an auger. After Jung In, a local fishing enthusiast, gave the Marines a quick lesson on how to operate the machine, they jumped in and began drilling the ice in



Cpl. Juarez Ordonez, a ground communications organizational repairer with 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, sits in his snowy foxhole and ice fishes in the outskirts of Kotzebue, Alaska, April 17.

fishing “hot spots” he pointed out along the Kotzebue Sound.

“They were really eager to help out with the catch,” said In, an information technician at Maniilaq Health Center.

However, drilling holes in the ice turned out to be the easy part. The Marines and sailors found it difficult to catch anything, leaving the Sound with a measly four fish; they vowed to return another day and redeem themselves.

As more service members began arriving for the exercise, Godiez said they heard about the ice fishing voyages and wanted to take part. In and the service members arranged another trip to the Kotzebue

Sound, April 17, this time with high hopes of a “perfect catch.”

The temperature was below zero degrees Fahrenheit and made fishing difficult, but it did not freeze their determination to catch more of the Sheefish unique to the waters of the Sound. Much to their chagrin, the Marines and sailors spent two hours in foxholes they dug in the snow only to come away empty-handed. However, their disappointment didn’t last long because they had something else to look forward to: a feast made from the previous trip’s catch.

Since fish are such a large part of the Inupiaq natives’ diet, during cold winter months they prepare the fish differently.

Kaylen Kim, a Maniilaq Health Center employee, treated service members to a Korean-style, Sheefish soup she prepared herself. Supposedly Kim has a secret recipe that makes her soup the best.

“It was true,” said Godiez, a native of Fontana, Calif. “The soup was very good.”

As Marines sat and ate around the table, Kim joked about her specialty soup, which she calls Kotzebue soup.

“You can only catch the Sheefish around here, in the Kotzebue Sound,” said Kim. “The Sound calls you to fish,” she added.

It certainly called to the Marines and sailors who supported IRT Arctic Care 2013.



BEEN THERE  
**DONE THAT**



## Force Headquarters Group

### **MOTO RUN**

Marines with 6th Communications Battalion run and call cadence during an all-hands formation run over the Brooklyn Bridge from Manhattan, N.Y. May 17. The battalion conducted a four-mile run to enhance the Marines' physical fitness, camaraderie and unit cohesion.

SGT. CALEB GOMEZ





BEEN THERE  
**DONE THAT**

## 4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

**SGT. MIKE SATTERFIELD**, a crew chief and weapons instructor with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, observes one of his students during a close-air-support mission in support of Emerald Warrior 2013, at Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 25.

SENIOR AIRMAN MATTHEW BRUCH



## 4TH MARINE DIVISION

**SGT. JOSEPH SWARTZ**, Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa 13 reconnaissance Marine from Waipahu, Hawaii, plays soccer with a Senegalese Commando during physical training at Bel-Air military base in Dakar, Senegal, April 16.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS

**SGT. JAMES JONES**, Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa 13 reconnaissance Marine from Napa, Calif., instructs a Senegalese Compagnie de Fusilier Marine Commando on fundamentals of combat marksmanship in Toubacouta, Senegal, April 22.

CPL. TIMOTHY NORRIS





## 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

**NAVY CAPT. DAVID RODRIGUEZ**, the command chaplain for 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, takes a break with Navy Senior Chief William Crozier, the senior enlisted religious program specialist for 4th MLG, April 19. Rodriguez and Crozier went out as a ministry team to Point Hope, Alaska.

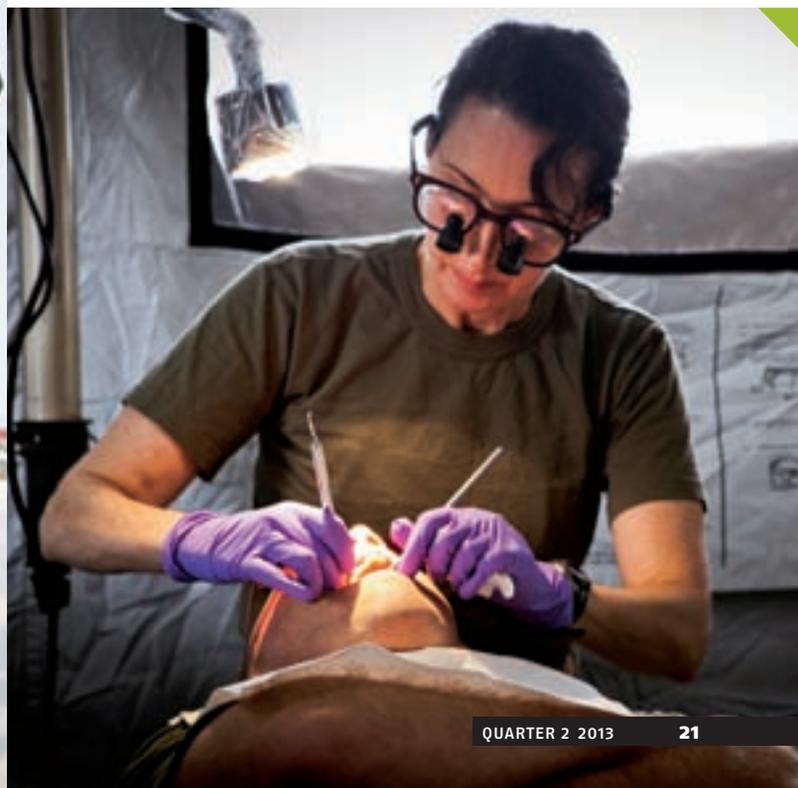
CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

**MARINES FROM 6TH MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION** use model trucks to display a route on a terrain model during a convoy brief in Africa, April 11.

STAFF SGT. JOHN ODETTE

**NAVY LT. STEPHANIE SMITH**, a dental officer with 14th Dental Battalion, performs a routine cleaning on Sgt. Joshua Lett, a heavy equipment operator with 14th Marine Regiment, in a Field Dental Clinic in Africa, April 17.

STAFF SGT. JOHN ODETTE





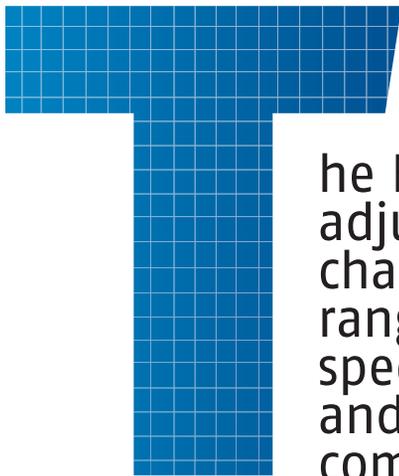
STORY BY MARFORRES PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AND PHOTOS BY CPL. JOHN M. MCCALL

# BUILDING BRIDGES

TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Marines with 6th Engineer Support Battalion make adjustments to the underside of a medium girder bridge during a training exercise at Battle Creek, Mich., June 11. The base of the bridge has to be able to hold massive amounts of weight when it is used to create routes across impassable terrain.





# The Force Structure Review is a continually adjusting restructuring plan that brings change to various aspects of the Corps, ranging from fine-tuning of occupational specialties to tweaking unit sizes and locations, or even shifting entire command structures.

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Company K of 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment was recently decommissioned, and as a result, Marines were given the opportunity to either move into a different job field or find another unit to join. Fortunately, a need for more combat engineers allowed Co. K Marines to become certified combat engineers and become a part of 6th Engineer Support Bn.'s newest bridge company, Co. C.

"We were actually slated to deploy to Afghanistan, but three months before our mobilization date, we were informed that we would be turned into a new bridging company," said Cpl. Colin Smith, a combat engineer with Bridge Co. C, from Memphis. "It was a little unsettling at first, but most of the Marines came around to the idea of moving on to a different job field."

Some of Co. K's Marines had been infantrymen for years, which made them uncertain as to whether their future would include being a Marine.

"The news was a real surprise to most of us, especially for me since I've been in the infantry field for 10 years," said Staff Sgt. Brian Simpson, a platoon sergeant with Bridge Co. C, from Jackson, Tenn. "Once all of our options were laid out and the information was given to us, I felt much more confident about the decision to change our company's mission."

Riflemen of Co. K got their first taste of building bridges when they accompanied Marines with their new unit on a two-week annual training exercise at Battle Creek, Mich. June 1-14.

Some of the training events were a demolition range, a machine gun course, chainsaw instruction, concrete pouring, boat licensing, and building assault bridges. Bridge Companies A, B, and C were in attendance to train together as one unit.

"It has been a little difficult learning the many tricks of the trade in engineering, but I really enjoyed working

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Marines with 6th Engineer Support Battalion transport bridge equipment across a lake using the improved ribbon bridge during a training exercise at Battle Creek, Mich. June 11. The IRB uses a series of floating platforms to safely transport heavy equipment, supplies, and troops across a large body of water.



Marines with 6th Engineer Support Battalion use a team-lift technique to move a 300-pound piece of bridge equipment during a training exercise at Battle Creek, Mich. June 11. Many of the pieces used to put together a medium-girder bridge require more than one Marine to effectively move them.



with these Marines,” said Sgt. Steven Chandler, an infantryman with Bridge Co. C, from Memphis.

Bridge companies provide an extremely unique advantage to any military unit on the battlefield. Their ability to create a safe passageway across natural obstacles can mean the difference between success and failure during a major operation. In order to be as effective as possible, engineers practice their specialty often.

“Bridging is a perishable skill. It is not something that can be learned overnight,” said Capt. Christopher Scannell, the company commander for Bridge Co. A. “In order to build one of these bridges, you need a tremendous amount of teamwork and preparation.”

These three Reserve bridge companies make up more than half of the Marine Corps’ bridging assets. There is only one other bridging company, and it is made up of active-duty Marines. The ability to quickly create a functioning supply route has been a tool for success during many combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“This exercise has given us real hands-on experience with actual equipment that we will use down range,” said Chandler. “We have successfully put up six bridges so far thanks to the excellent instruction from the other bridge companies.”

The Marines of Co. K now have an idea of what it takes to be a combat engineer, but many of them are still waiting to begin formal education to learn their new trade. ■

Cpl. Tim Goff, a combat engineer with the 6th Engineer Support Battalion, levels a piece of the medium girder bridge during a training exercise at Battle Creek, Mich. June 11. The effectiveness of the MGB depends on small details like having a level surface to be able to support the crossing of heavy equipment.



# SO, YOUR MISSION IS CHANGING

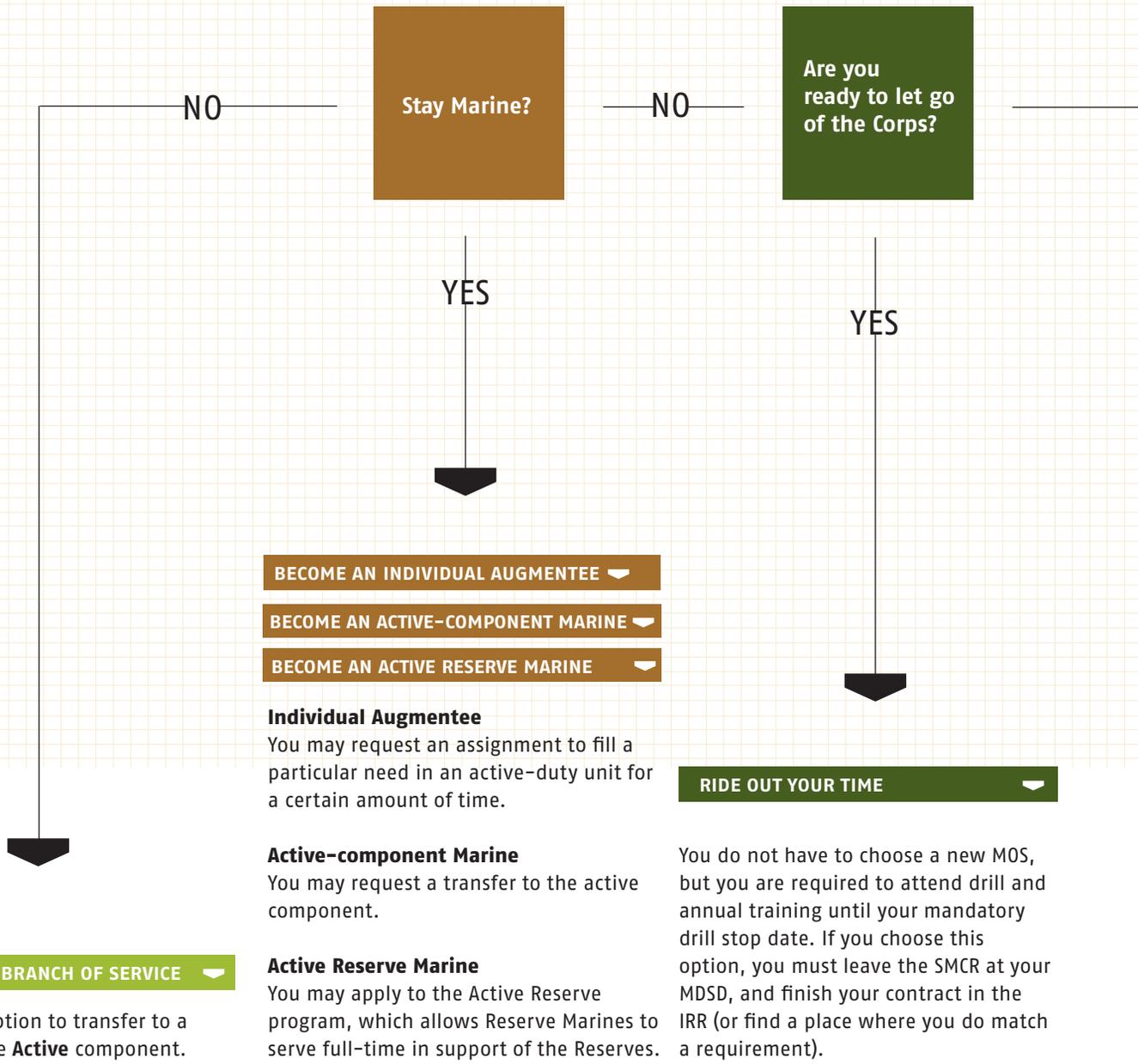
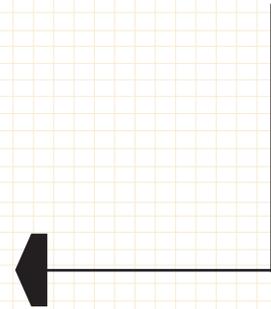
...now what?

The **Force Structure Review** is affecting 147 out of 172 Reserve sites. In some cases your unit will become a new type of unit under a different type of command. For example, a 4th Marine Division rifle company may change to a 4th Marine Logistics Group bridge company. This means there will be new types of jobs to fill, which may require a new military occupational specialty.

We have designed this flow chart to help you think about your options.

**Personnel transition teams** have been visiting units affected by the FSR to help Marines understand the changes and opportunities available to them.

**This chart does not apply to all situations.** For more information on PTTs and the FSR, please call **(504)697-7187**.



**JOIN ANOTHER BRANCH OF SERVICE** ▼

You have the option to transfer to a different service **Active** component.

- BECOME AN INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE** ▼
- BECOME AN ACTIVE-COMPONENT MARINE** ▼
- BECOME AN ACTIVE RESERVE MARINE** ▼

**Individual Augmentee**  
You may request an assignment to fill a particular need in an active-duty unit for a certain amount of time.

**Active-component Marine**  
You may request a transfer to the active component.

**Active Reserve Marine**  
You may apply to the Active Reserve program, which allows Reserve Marines to serve full-time in support of the Reserves.

**RIDE OUT YOUR TIME** ▼

You do not have to choose a new MOS, but you are required to attend drill and annual training until your mandatory drill stop date. If you choose this option, you must leave the SMCR at your MDS, and finish your contract in the IRR (or find a place where you do match a requirement).

START

Are you required to keep drilling?

YES

Are you a grade/MOS match?

NO

You may be eligible for any of the options below, except "riding out your time." However, you can only LATMOV or inter-unit transfer to an open opportunity.

NO

YES

NO

Interested in some new skills?

YES

GET A NEW MOS

You may request a lateral move to a different primary MOS required by another unit (including the new unit at your current location). You will attend the full-length training for the new MOS and receive active-duty pay and benefits while at school (must be qualified to execute a lateral move, and you may have to re-enlist). If you go this route, you still maintain your old MOS.

REMAIN AS CURRENT MOS

You will remain affiliated with the "new" Selected Marine Corps Reserve unit that has an opening for your MOS and rank or transfer to a unit within 100 miles where your MOS is needed.

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# FSR

- Out of 2,920\* Reserve Marines affected, so far...
  - 1,531 have remained with their unit
  - 900 have transferred to another unit
  - 201 have changed their MOS
  - 4 have transferred to the AR program
  - 16 have become individual augmentees
  - 6 have retired
  - 2 have transferred to the IRR
- 10% of the SMCR has been counseled by PTTs (3,000 Marines).
- The changes involved in the FSR will not be complete until 2017.

\*260 Marines have chosen another path based on their specific situation

UNIT  
PROFILE



## MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 772

**LOCATION:** Joint Base McGuire–Dix Lakehurst, NJ

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772 members load a CH-53E Super Stallion onto a C-5 Galaxy May 30, at McGuire Field on Joint Base McGuire–Dix–Lakehurst, N.J. Nearly half of HMMH-772 departed the joint base May 30–31, for a six-month deployment to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. DAVID CARBAJAL

**H**ISTORY: The squadron was formed April 15, 1958, at Marine Air Reserve Training Command at Naval Air Station–Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, Pa. Originally designated Helicopter Transport Squadron 772 that flew UH-34D helicopters, it transitioned April 1, 1962 to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 772. The squadron moved to Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, N.J., in 1971 where it received its fleet of CH-53A Sea Stallion helicopters. “The Hustlers” were redesignated as HMMH-772 and moved back to Willow Grove a few months later as part of Marine Aircraft Group 49. The squadron was mobilized in support of Operation Desert Storm in 1991, but was ordered to

go to Okinawa where it transitioned to the upgraded CH-53D and provided support for Operations Fiery Vigil in the Philippines and Sea Angel in Bangladesh, for which HMMH-772 was awarded their first Meritorious Unit Commendation. Their deployment ended in November 1991 and HMMH-772 would not be fully mobilized again until January 27, 2002, in support of Operation Noble Eagle in United States and Operation Enduring Freedom. While mobilized, they supported Operational Rehearsal Dynamic Response 2002, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and Task Force Tarawa during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their last deployment came in 2009, where HMMH-772 supported Operation Enduring Freedom.



# THE UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- The Unit Deployment Program is a deployment system that reduces the number of unaccompanied tours and improves unit continuity by assigning deployments to the Western Pacific.

- Tours typically last 6 months.

- The UDP was initiated in October, 1977 by infantry battalions and aircraft squadrons.

- Tank, amphibious assault vehicle, light armored reconnaissance companies and artillery batteries adopted the program in the 1980's.

- The UDP ceased during OEF and OIF, but the program restarted in 2011 when Battery 0, 5th Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment and Btry. H, 3rd Bn., 14th Marines completed two rotations by the end of 2012.

- Those two rotations provided a deployment opportunity to almost 300 Reserve Marines.

- HMH-772 is currently deployed to Okinawa, Japan in support of the UDP.

- VMFA-112 will be the second Reserve aviation unit deployed to UDP since the resumption following MARFORRES' close of OEF campaigns.

**COMMANDING OFFICER:** Lt. Col. Robert J. Muckenthaler

**BATTALION SERGEANT MAJOR:** Sgt. Maj. Trevor Kent

**MISSION:** HMH-772's mission is to support the Marine Air-Ground Task Force commander by providing transport for heavy equipment, combat troops and supplies – day or night – under all weather conditions during expeditionary missions or combined operations.

**INTERESTING FACTS:**

-Call sign "The Hustlers"

-The first Reserve squadron to receive the Special Operations Capable designation after a workup and integration with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit as part of HMM-263 (reinforced) in 2002.

-Supported search and rescue efforts in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster in January 1986.



BE SMART,  
**BE SAFE**



Sgt. Janet Olivares, an administrative clerk with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Forces Reserve, attends the annual Spring Fling at Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans, June 7.

# WHAT ABOUT YOUR **FAMILY?**

STORY AND PHOTO BY CPL. FENTON REESE

**O**ne of the most important considerations of family readiness is to ensure that your family is taken care of in your absence. Many Marines may believe that they will never have anything happen, but the reality is no one truly knows, said Staff Sgt. Orville Ancar, Marine Forces Reserve substance abuse control officer.

“If you care about your family, you will have a family care plan,” said Ancar.

According to Marine Corps Order 1740.13C all dual-military couples with dependents, Marines with a dependent spouse, and single Marines with dependents are required to complete a family care plan.



**“Marines think they are invincible. We don't think anything can or will happen to us; then it does and the results are catastrophic.”**

-Gunnery Sgt. Stephen A. Cheatham, administrative chief and assistant adjutant, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Forces Reserve

#### **WHAT IS A FAMILY CARE PLAN?**

A Family Care Plan is a document used to specify critical information needed to provide to a Marine's dependents in the event of a deployment, hospitalization, untimely passing or indefinite absence.

“An FCP is simply insurance for the worst case scenario,” said Gunnery Sgt. Stephen A. Cheatham, Marine Forces Reserve Administrative chief and assistant adjutant for Headquarters Battalion, MFR.

The plan typically consists of the family member's home address, legal information, school and religious information. However, a pertinent part of any care plan is a list of people who possess a power of attorney. A POA can take action on behalf of the person who is unavailable; they can take care of children, maintain monthly billing statements or even sell a home.

Additionally, a family care plan lays out a specific course of action in case of a person's absence. Also included is a list

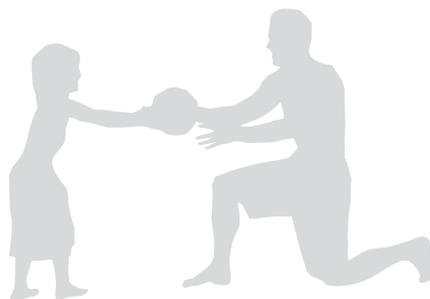
of important things to have, such as the service member's will, finances allotted for the care of the dependent, medical and dental records of the dependent, contact information for the caregivers, and an ID card for any dependents.

In order to plan for unforeseen changes, multiple courses of action are included that can be executed in case the first set of intentions falls through.

For example, if one of the caregivers named on the care plan is unable to perform their duties, then the person next in line will be given the authority to handle various responsibilities.

#### **WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

The FCP is a useful tool that can allow for peace of mind; give family members the ability to handle important family in a time of crisis. This plan ensures that if something were to happen to any Marine tomorrow, they can rest at ease knowing their family would be taken care of on every level, said Cheatham.



# **RECIPE FOR READINESS**

## **WHAT MAKES UP A FAMILY CARE PLAN**

### **2 BOXES OF BASIC MEMBER INFORMATION**

- Name
- Rank

### **1 CHUNK OF DEPENDENT INFORMATION**

- Type of dependent
- Relationship to service member

### **2 LARGE SERVINGS OF CARE**

- Name of caregiver
- Address of caregiver
- Caregiver contact information
- Alternate caregiver information

### **A DASH OF CERTIFICATION**

- Sign
- Print
- Date

### **A PINCH OF VALIDATION**

- Sign
- Print
- Date

### **1 HEAPING CHECKLIST**

- Designated caregiver
- Power of attorney
- Record of emergency data
- Allotments
- Dependent travel
- Child care
- Unit, personal and family readiness

**COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS IN YOUR LOCAL IPAC AND REPEAT ONCE A YEAR.**

**\*YIELDS 1 SUCCESSFUL FAMILY CARE PLAN**



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## PASSING THE TORCH

### FORCE SERGEANT MAJOR RELINQUISHES HIS POST

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. FENTON REESE

**M**arines, sailors and guests gathered to witness Sgt. Maj. James E. Booker, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North sergeant major, relinquish his post and bid farewell prior to departing to his next command, at Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans, June 14.

Booker had served as the MARFORRES and MARFORNORTH sergeant major since September 2011, and said his journey has been fulfilling.

“This has been an honor working here. You learn much more than ‘Marine Corps stuff,’” said Booker.

He said this tour greatly prepared him for his next assignment as North Atlantic Treaty Organization International Security Assistance Force and United

States Forces-Afghanistan senior enlisted advisor to Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, commander of the NATO ISAF and USFORAF.

“I have learned how to operate on a level that most Marines have no idea about. Only seven sergeants major get the opportunity to work for a three star or better,” Booker said. “It’s an honor to even be considered to be a part of these select few Marines, let alone actually experience it.”

Booker said he is excited to pass the torch to current 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Anthony A. Spadaro, and has every bit of confidence that he will be able to “hit the ground running” and take the command to the next level. ■

Sgt. Maj. James E. Booker, former Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North sergeant major, addresses an audience of family, friends, peers and young Marines, after relinquishing his post during his relief and farewell ceremony at the Marine Corps Support Facility New Orleans, June 14.

### Parting words for MARFORRES



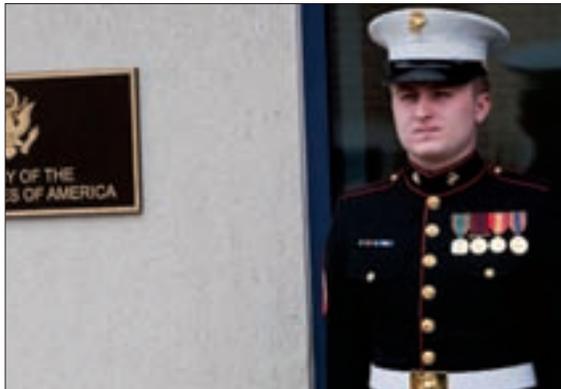
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## GUARDING THE EMBASSY

MARINES WITH SPECIAL-PURPOSE MAGTF AFRICA STEP UP

CPL. MARCIN PLATEK



Marines with Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa are providing temporary security to the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli. COURTESY PHOTO

**W**hile Marine Corps Embassy Security Group manpower has been upped by 1,000, Marines of Special-Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Africa 13 are providing temporary security to the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli. The Marines, mostly from 2/25 out of Garden City, N.Y., relieved the prior contingent of Marines and assumed responsibilities as Security Forces Tripoli in January. Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa strengthens U.S. Marine Corps Forces Africa and U.S. Africa Command's ability to assist partner nations. Approximately 150 U.S. Marines and sailors conduct security force assistance, military-to-military engagements, and are trained to provide support to crisis response, if necessary. ■



## SILVER STAR

ONE MAN FINALLY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

STORY AND PHOTO BY SGT. RAYMOND LOTT

Retired Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles C. Krulak greets former Marine Sgt. Gary L. Hill before presenting him with the Silver Star Medal at the Tuscaloosa Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala. June 7.

**M**arine Sgt. Gary L. Hill was awarded the Silver Star Medal at the Tuscaloosa Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala. June 7. Hill received the nation's third highest award for combat heroism for actions while he deployed to Vietnam in 1967. Retired Gen. Charles C. Krulak, former commandant of the Marine Corps, presented Hill with the Silver Star Medal for his leadership as a junior Marine during the Vietnam War.

Hill led his fire team and then single-handedly bounded to an enemy trench line and killed three North Vietnamese Army soldiers with fire and close-combat. His actions saved the lives of eight Marines. Hill served with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. ■

## WOUNDED WARRIORS

RESERVE MARINES COMPETE FOR THE WIN

CPL. MARCIN PLATEK

**T**wo Reserve Marines competed in the 2013 Warrior Games that took place in Colorado Springs, Colo., May, 11-16, at the United States Olympic Center and Air Force Academy. Overall, more than 260 service members and veterans competed for the Commanders Cup. Sgt. Evan Stratton of Littleton, Colo., won a gold medal in men's 50-meter backstroke, 50- and 100-meter freestyle, 100- and 200-meter track and field, silver in 1500-meter track and field, placed 4th in shot put and 10th in discus throw.

Staff Sgt. Juantianne Saleigh of Los Angeles, won silver in shot put, bronze in discus throw and 100-, 200-, and 1500-meter wheel chair race, and placed 4th in women's 100-meter freestyle swimming. ■



Marine veteran Sgt. Evan Stratton of Littleton, Colo., edges out his competitor during the 2013 Warrior Games track and field event aboard the U.S. Air Force Academy, May 14. The Warrior Games are a Paralympic-style competition for wounded, ill or injured service members or veterans of U.S. and British armed services.

STAFF SGT. HEIDI AGOSTINI



WITH THE  
**GEAR**

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Vehicle range: 480 km
Rocket Range: Dependent upon pod used, up to 190 miles
Ammo: 227 mm M270 series rockets or MGM-140 ATACMS missiles
Vehicle Speed: 84 km/h
Weight: 26,000 lbs Height: 9.2 m
Width: 2.4 m Length: 7 m
Crew: 3 (Driver, gunner, launch crew)



# M142

## HIGH-MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM

**T**he High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System is a light, multiple rocket launcher system mounted on a standard Army medium tactical vehicle truck frame. The Marine Corps first fielded the HIMARS in 2005, and it was first used in combat when Fox Battery, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment took the system to Al Anbar Province in Iraq.

The HIMARS can be outfitted with six 227 mm rockets or one ATACMS missile, and can go from active transport to executing a fire mission within four minutes.

The HIMARS provides the Marine Corps with a mid to long-range artillery capability, as well as a mobile, quick-responsive artillery solution. Independent operation and flexibility are inherent in the system because each firing platoon operates comparative to a traditional artillery battery. It is faster-moving and can be more widely-dispersed on the battlefield.

## QUICK FACTS

### Missiles of the Corps

### M20 "SUPER" BAZOOKA

The M20 was the first propelled explosive used by the Marine Corps, and was primarily employed in the early 1960s to destroy compounds in Vietnam. It could penetrate 11 inches of armor and delivered a warhead almost four inches in diameter.

### M72 LAW

The M72 Light Anti-Tank Weapon was fielded in place of the dated Bazooka in the mid-1960s. The LAW was recalled in the middle of the Vietnam conflict due to safety issues, but after a slight modification, continues its use in Afghanistan to this day.

### AT-4

The AT-4 is an 84mm single-shot, unguided, smoothbore, recoilless anti-tank weapon that was developed in the 1970s in Sweden and adopted by U.S. forces in the early 1980s. The AT-4 has a maximum effective range of 500m on an area target, and continues to be the simplest man-portable anti-tank rocket system maintained by the Marine Corps.

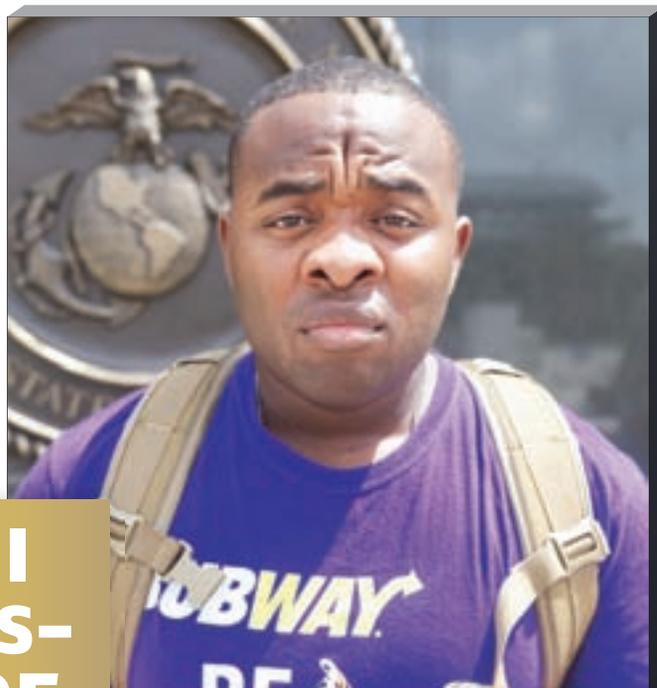
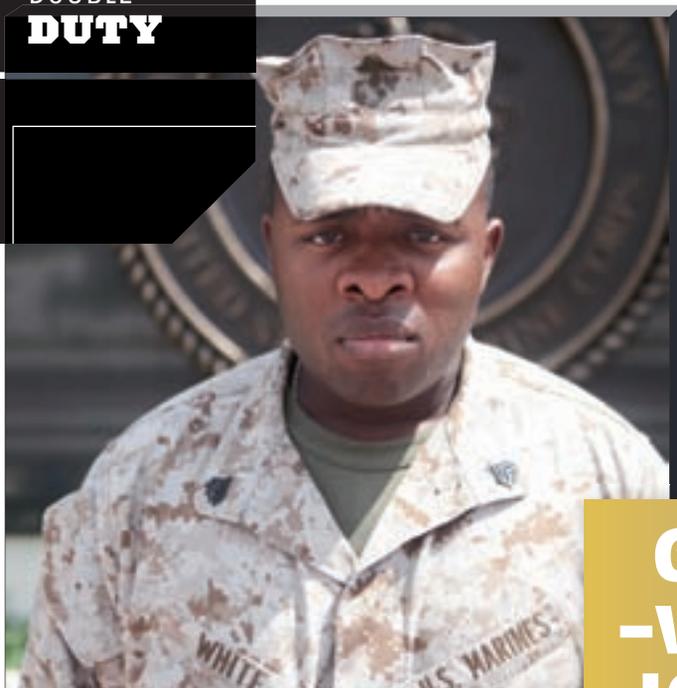
### BGM-71 TOW MISSILE

The BGM-71 is a tube-fired, optically-tracked, wire-guided missile that was first produced in the 1970's and fielded by the Marine Corps in the Vietnam Era. The TOW missile can be fired from the ground or mounted on a vehicle or aircraft.



## DOUBLE DUTY

CPL. FENTON REESE



CPL. FENTON REESE

# GI -VS- JOE

**SGT. JASMOND WHITE, USMC**

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**BILLET:** Administrative specialist, Headquarters Battalion, Force Headquarters Group

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**LOCATION:** New Orleans

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**TIME IN SERVICE:** 7 years

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**REASON FOR JOINING:** I needed a stepping stone to set myself up for success.

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**FAVORITE WORK FOOD:** My favorite MRE has to be the vegetarian spicy penne pasta with the soy meat.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES:** I handle manpower and accountability. I keep track and accurate count of Marines, where they are and what they are doing.

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**MEMORABLE MOMENT:** Back in 2006 on boot camp graduation, my Senior Drill Instructor shook my hand and handed me my eagle, globe and anchor while calling me a Marine for the very first time. I was too focused on holding back tears that the guide had to remind me to place the EGA in my cover.

**JASMOND WHITE**

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**BILLET:** Full-time student at Baton Rouge College

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**LOCATION:** Baton Rouge, La.

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**TIME IN SERVICE:** 1 1/2 years

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**REASON FOR JOINING:** I wanted to study history. Honestly, if I didn't know anything else, I just knew I liked history.

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**FAVORITE SCHOOL FOOD:** I don't really have a favorite, but if I had to say it would have to be shrimp in any way on all occasions.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES:** I have taken three writing classes and three history classes to date; and I will continue until I am finished learning.

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**MEMORABLE MOMENT:** In my first English class on one of my first days, I was running late. When I arrived I snuck into the classroom and sat in the back; the moment I sat down the teacher called me out for being late.



### MILITARY EXPRESSIONS FROM AROUND THE CORPS

**BIRD:** Any aircraft

**FLOAT:** A deployment on a ship

**O-DARK THIRTY:** After midnight, but before working hours

**HEAD:** Bathroom/restroom

**LIFER:** A Marine who makes the Corps their career

**CLICK:** One kilometer or one notch of a rifle sight



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